Draw Conclusions

- **Drawing a conclusion** is forming an opinion based on what you already know or on the facts and details in a text.
- Check an author's conclusions or your own conclusions by asking: Is this the only logical choice? Are the facts accurate?

**Directions**  Read the following passage. Then answer the questions below.

Our basketball team, the Hawks, just finished the season. We had a record of 7 wins and 13 losses. Our season didn’t start off too well. We lost our first six games. Coach told us we weren’t playing like a team. After that, he put us through some tough practices. We worked on defense, passing, and helping each other out. Coach told us we had to play twice as hard as the other teams did to win. After that, things improved. We started to win a few games. Other teams weren’t shaking in their sneakers when we got to their gyms, but they knew they were going to have to play hard to beat us. And man, was it fun. When the season started I barely knew any of the other players on the team. Now that the season is over, I feel like I have twelve really good friends—thirteen if you count Coach.

1. Draw a conclusion about whether or not the Hawks were a good basketball team at first.

2. What details support this conclusion?

3. How do you think the coach made the Hawks better?

4. Draw a conclusion about whether or not you think this was a successful season. Support your answer with facts.

**School + Home**

**Home Activity** Your child read a short passage and drew conclusions using facts and details. Read an article with your child. Have your child draw conclusions from the article.

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